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1. THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE (REF A). IT'S GREAT.
2. I WILL LEAVE FOR RIYADH TOMORROW AND WILL CALL ON FAHD, WHO IS VACATIONING IN THE DESERT.
3. AS IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THA THE PROPOSAL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE KING IN THE MOST FAVORABLE MANNER POSSIBLE I WILL ALSO BRIEF KAMAL ADHAM, THE KING'S INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR, RASHAD PHARAON, THE MAIN ROYAL ADVISOR, AND PROBABLY ROYAL ADVISOR PRINCE NAWWAF, AND PRINCE SA'UD BIN FAISAL AS WELL.
4. I WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE IDEAS WITH PRINCE SULTAN. IN THIS CONNECTION I AM PLEASED TO GET THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL A. BUT I WILL ALSO NEED TO GIVE HIM THE LETTER I PROPOSED IN REFTEL B. CAN I GIVE IT TO HIM?
5. I EXPECT TO HAVE LUNCH WITH HISHAM NAZIR TOMORROW. HE WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN THE SUCCESS OF THE PROPOSAL.

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ZAKI YAMANI MAY BE OUT OF TOWN FOR THE OIL MEETING, BUT

WILL SEE HIM AS SOON AS HE GETS BACK.

6. ANOTHER KEY PERSONALITY IS PRINCE MUSA'ID, MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND I ALSO PLAN TO SEE HIM DURING THIS TRIP.

7. WILL NOT RPT NOT RAISE THIS MATTER WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE.

8. THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS. THE KING HAS NOT BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FAHD'S FOREIGN VENTURES AND HE HAS, AT VARIOUS TIMES, STOPPED THEM SHORT. THE KING MAY DECIDE THAT A MISSION THIS IMPORTANT SHOULD NOT BE UNDER FAHD. THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO WILL CERTAINLY RPT CERTAINLY THINK IT IS INAPPROPRIATE AND WILL PROBABLY TELL THE KING. I PLAN TO HANDLE THIS BY TELLING ALL THAT THE FAHD VISIT WAS PROPOSED LONG AGO, AND WE WOULD NOT OBJECT, IN FACT WE WOULD EXPECT OTHER MINISTERS OR AT LEAST REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER MINISTRIES TO BE PART OF THE FAHD TEAM.

9. THE SECOND PROBLEM IS THAT SAQQAF IS IN MANILA AND PROBABLY WON'T BE BACK IN SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL THE 20TH. AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO WAIT THAT LONG BEFORE RAISING THE MATTER WITH FAHD AND THE OTHERS. I THINK THIS CAN BE HANDLED BY MY SENDING A MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO SAQQAF. THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE IS IN THE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE AND I AM ASKING THAT YOU APPROVE AND SENT IT TO MANILA. YOU MIGHT LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING OF YOUR OWN BUT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT I SEND HIM SOMETHING. HE MUSTN'T THINK THAT I'VE DELIBERATELY WAITED UNTIL HE LEFT THE COUNTRY TO UNVEIL THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND FAR REACHING PROPOSAL IN THE HISTORY OF U.S. SAUDI RELATIONS.

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